MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

For an Act authorizing Treaties with the Indians.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States in Congress assembled:

YOUR MEMORIALISTS, the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, respectfully pray your honorable body for the passage of an act to authorize the Superintendent of Indian Affairs of this Territory to make Treaties with, and purchase the lands of the Shoshone or Snake, Utah, Piedes, Sanpich, Pauvans, Cumembahs or Snake Diggers, Uintah and Yampah Uetes, and such other tribes or bands that may be necessary for the advancement of the settlements of this Territory, and that a sufficient sum be appropriated to defray the expenses of all Treaties so held, and to make the first payment on the purchases so made, and for the establishing of Schools, the erection of mills, furnishing implements of husbandry, and suitable instructors for the Indians.

Your Honorable Body will perceive that so long as these Indian tribes have no remuneration for their lands, upon which the citizens of this Territory are opening plantations, establishing towns, villages and cities, radical causes must necessarily exist, producing in the bosom of the Red Man, jealousies, envyings, malice, eventuating in similar disastrous consequences in the destruction of property, loss of lives, as has been the fact, the last year; a number of our citizens having been cruelly murdered, scalped, and their bodies shockingly mangled, according to their barbarous customs of savage warfare. Citizens from the States passing through to California, in several instances have shared a similar fate; in fact very little distinction if any is shown by these savages, in their merciless desire of revenge; every white man being looked upon as their common enemy; a fact clearly exemplified in the unprovoked attack and cruel murder committed upon the lamented Capt. Gunnison and party. To avoid further expense to this Territory, and the General Government, and to remove these causes of complaint on the part of these aforementioned Indian tribes, and put a stop to this merciless war upon our citizens:—

Your Memorialists would respectfully pray your Honorable Body to take early and immediate action upon the subject herein set forth: and your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

W. RICHARDS,
President of the Council.
J. M. GRANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved, January 20th, 1854,
BRIGHAM YOUNG,
Governor of Utah Territory.